To give a little background on how *The Forum* came into existence, this process began in the summer of 2002 when Emily Shipley, now Co-Editor-in-Chief, came across some websites of other law schools that had gender journals. She jokingly said to me, “hey, we should start something like that!”

When fall came around, we were both really busy, but decided, with the guidance and permission of Former Dean Lawrence, to start to put this idea together. We decided to defray costs, the online route was an innovative direction to take. We met with Mae Kuykendall, one of our current advisors, who was very motivated and had many grandiose ideas about where this journal could go. Then, in late October, the *Women’s Legal Forum & Gender Review* was made an official organization at MSU-DCL College of Law.

Emily and I quickly realized that the fun had only just started and we needed help immediately with getting *The Forum* up and running. After holding a general interest meeting, it was obvious that not only was the administration behind us, but the student body was interested in this idea as well. We held an election for our new Board, and elected seven Board members into positions and six at-large positions. After a summer 2003 write-on competition we were able to choose two editors, totaling a staff of fifteen dedicated editors.

This inspired and driven board has taken over this organization. We sent out about 200 packets to potential authors from all over the country to people like Rosie O’Donnell, Star Jones, and Jennifer Granholm. We are also continuing to work on the web design for *The Forum* so that, in the future, our site will not only act as a posting point for the text of the journal, but it will also act as a resource and starting point for anyone interested in research in the field of Gender and the Law.

We also spoke to the faculty about the overwhelming student interest and sparked their interest for a Law and Gender class, held fall semester 2003, which exceeded the enrollment limit of 20 students. Finally, we spoke with Dr. Christine Hammond, who joined *The Forum* as another faculty advisor in fall 2003.

We are delighted with the enthusiasm from our board members. The alumni and administrative support we have received has been greatly appreciated as well. The editors are very excited about our inaugural publication-State of the Gender: A Contemporary View on Business and Politics. Please feel free to thoroughly check out this site and email us with any questions, comments and concerns you might have. Enjoy the site and please pass the link on to your friends!